

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

June 12, 2013

This is a regular meeting of the Mansfield Township Committee. The notice requirements of the law have been satisfied for this meeting by notice to the Star-Gazette and the Express Times of the time, date and location thereof. Notice was also posted on the announcement board located in the Municipal Building.

Roll Call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski

Salute to the flag was done by all.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Watters made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on May 22, 2013, which was seconded by Mayor Tomaszewski.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain None

APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST:

Mr. Watters asked what a UC channel post is and what it was used for.

Mr. Watters asked about the bill for Division of Fire Safety for the welding cart.

Ms. Hrebenak stated that this is required.

Mr. Watters made a motion to approve the bill list, which was seconded by Mr. Clancy.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain None

CFO REPORT:

Mr. Pandos stated that an application was filed with the Warren County Tax Board for the revaluation so it will now move on to the state.

Mr. Pandos stated that the County has given us a date in August for the tax rate which would put us out for all of our billing we can either do estimated bills or we could borrow which will also require interest to be paid.

CLERKS REPORT:

Ms. Hrebenak stated that she received a message from the animal control officer that he would be resigning as of June 30, 2013.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

Mr. DiSessa stated that there are a number of property maintenance issues throughout town.

The Township Committee agreed that we have exhausted all options for 18 Highland Avenue and that the DPW will go in and do the Clean up.

Mr. DiSessa stated that he would like to have a sit down meeting with the property owners and their attorney and the Township's attorney for the property on Hemlock Court.

Ms. Hrebenak asked the Township Committee if it would be ok for a town wide yard sale to be planned.

Mr. Smith asked about the bridge construction project and when it will be completed.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Jerilynn Harris, Court Administrator, asked if a sign for Firearms, Knives, Sprays, and subject to search could be permanently mounted outside the building.

RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION # 2013 –75
REFUND OF PLANNING BOARD ESCROW BALANCE
TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
WARREN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, Wal-Mart issued checks for Planning Board escrow with the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren,

WHEREAS, there remains a balance of \$ 562.50 in the escrow account,

WHEREAS, the Planning Board Attorney and Engineer have determined that the project is complete,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Finance Office be authorized to refund the amount of \$ 562.50 to Wal-Mart.

Mr. Clancy made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2013-75, which was seconded by Mayor Tomaszewski.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain None

RESOLUTION # 2013 –76
REFUND OF PLANNING BOARD ESCROW BALANCE
ROAD OPENING
TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
WARREN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, Reivax Contracting issued a check for a Road Opening escrow with the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren,

WHEREAS, there remains a balance of \$ 760.13 in the escrow account,

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield's Engineer has determined that the project is complete,
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Finance Office be authorized to refund the amount of \$ 760.13 to Reivax Contracting.

Mr. Watters made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2013-76, which was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain None

RESOLUTION 2013-77

**MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP LIQUOR
LICENSE RENEWAL 2013-2014**

WHEREAS, the following establishments have made application for renewal of Liquor Licenses for the license term 2013-2014:

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| 1. | Bensi of Mansfield, LLC | #2116-33-001-003 |
| 2. | Mansfield Bottle King | #2116-44-003-005 |
| 3. | Ruby Tuesday | #2116-33-002-003 |
| 4. | Pasta Grill Mansfield, LLC | #2116-33-009-008 |
| 5. | Comfort Inn | #2116-33-006-007 |

WHEREAS, the appropriate fees have been paid to the Municipality and the State of New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mansfield Township Committee that the foregoing Liquor License Applications be approved for the licensing year 2012-2013.

Mr. Watters made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2013-77, which was seconded by Mrs. Kocher.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain None

**RESOLUTION # 2013 -78
TRANSFER OF MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUST FUNDS
TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
WARREN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield deemed it in the best interest of the Township to amend the Cash Management Plan to include as a authorized bank for deposit Unity Bank,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Acting Chief Financial Officer is authorized to transfer the following Mansfield Township trust accounts from Fulton Bank of New Jersey to Unity Bank.

Mandatory Development Fees Trust Account
Open Space Trust Account
Snow Trust Account

Mr. Watters made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-78, which was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain None

Woodland Auto Salvage

Mr. Vex stated that the gate is up and asked if the fence and gate were stained.

Mr. Toscano stated that they would be staining the fence and gate and that they will be regrading the parking lot.

Mr. Vex asked that they come or call in two weeks when the work is completed.

Mr. Toscano stated that he feels it is not fair that the township will make him wait longer for his license and he would be waiting to register for auctions that he pays membership fees for.

Mrs. Borden asked what the township committee is going to do about the deed from the 1950s that stated that the property could be used for a salvage yard but nothing would be sold outside.

Mrs. Thompson stated that in May 2010 there was an issue where the license was held for 6 months and as soon as the license was issued it went back to the same issues as previously.

Mrs. Thompson stated that the deed had requirements from the township so that the salvage business could be occupied and asked what the township would be doing about the previous requirements.

Mr. Vex stated that the committee agreed to give them until July 9, 2013 to have all of the items completed.

ORDINANCE

Second Reading:

Mayor Tomaszewski opened the floor for comments from the public on Ordinance 2013-12; seeing as there were no comments the public comment period was closed.

ORDINANCE 2013-12 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY

**APPROPRIATION IN THE SUM OF \$ 188,050.00 UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53
TO CONDUCT A PROPERTY REVALUATION FOR PURPOSES OF TAX
ASSESSMENTS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, WARREN
COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

BE IT ORDAINED: by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, Warren County, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53, the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Fifty Dollars (\$ 188,050.00) is hereby appropriated to conduct a property revaluation for purposes of tax assessments for the Township of Mansfield, and shall be deemed a special emergency appropriation as defined and provided for in N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53.

SECTION 2

The Township of Mansfield is hereby authorized to issue negotiable notes to meet this emergency appropriation in the manner and method provided for in N.J.S.A. 40A:4-55, and provision for payment thereof shall be provided for in succeeding annual budgets by the inclusion of at least one-fifth (1/5) of the amount authorized pursuant to said act until the appropriation has been fully provided for. Such notes shall bear the designation: "Special Emergency Notes – Conduct a Property Revaluation."

SECTION 3

All other ordinance provisions which are inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby declared null and void and repealed.

SECTION 4

That two (2) certified copies of this ordinance be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Mr. Watters made a motion to approve the passage of Ordinance 2013-12 and requested that the results be advertised, which was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Mayor Tomaszewski made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:21pm, which was seconded by Mr. Watters.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Return to regular session at 9:26pm.

Roll Call: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski

COMMITTEE PERSON COMMENTS:

Mayor Tomaszewski made a motion to approve the resignation from the animal control officer, which was seconded by Mr. Watters.

Ayes: Mr. Smith, Mr. Watters, Mr. Clancy, Mrs. Kocher, Mayor Tomaszewski

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain None

Mayor Tomaszewski made an appointment of Terri Laffan for the unexpired term of Stefany Dittmar.

Mrs. Kocher stated that the Recreation Commission will be going with Protect Youth Sports for the background checks.

Mr. Watters made a motion to adjourn at 9:34 pm.